

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Indra LAKSONO et al.

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RATE CONTROL DURING VIDEO
TRANSCODING

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MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

The USPTO has restricted claims 1-10, 13-20, 51-59, 63-70, and 79-104 of this application into Group I (claims 1-10, 13-20, 51-59, and 63-70) and Group II (claims 79-104).

Applicants elect the claims of Group II (claims 79-104) and provisionally withdraw the non-elected claims of Group I (claims 1-10, 13-20, 51-59, and 63-70). The restriction is respectfully traversed in order to preserve the issue for subsequent petition since the examination of all of the claims is not believed to create an undue burden on the USPTO and that the subject matter among the groups is not independent and distinct as required by statute. Furthermore, different classifications as recited by the USPTO are not independent adequate grounds for restriction since the USPTO has historically examined applications containing multiple sets of claims.

In summary, Applicants elect the claims of Group II for further prosecution and provisionally withdraw the non-elected claims from consideration. Reconsideration and further prosecution on the merits of at least the claims of Group II are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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